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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telecons with David Matthews, Sen. Dole's Office

1. Mr. Matthews called the office on 11 October and asked to speak with someone about an article criticizing John McMahon which had appeared in the August 1985 edition of "Free the Eagle" (copy attached). The Public Affairs Office was contacted but declined to return Mr. Matthews' call. PAO suggested that OLL should field the call. I then called Mr. Matthews. (224-6321)

2. Mr. Matthews said that he wished to know what the Agency's position on the article was. He said that Sen. Dole had received constituent mail asking if the article was accurate. He (Mr. Matthews) had been charged with responding to the constituent mail. I told Mr. Matthews that I would check with our public affairs people on the matter.

3. I spoke to George Lauder about Matthews' call. Mr. Lauder said to tell Matthews that the article was "irresponsible, outrageous, and ridiculous."

4. I attempted to reach Mr. Matthews on 11 and 16 October. He called me on 17 October, and I passed on Mr. Lauder's words, telling Mr. Matthews that the Agency considered the article to be beneath the dignity of further comment.

5. Mr. Matthews called back on 17 October seeking additional information on Mr. McMahon. He asked if Mr. McMahon concerned himself primarily with Afghanistan. I replied that Mr. McMahon had many duties and concerns as the DDCI. I said the DCI was the President's principal adviser on intelligence matters. His deputy performs the duties assigned to him by the DCI and acts for the DCI in the latter's absence. I said we believe that Mr. McMahon is doing an excellent job as DDCI and that he is indeed supporting the President's policies.

6. Mr. Matthews thanked me, and the call was concluded.

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